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# News & Views

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## AROUND TOWN

### Calendar of Events

#### 2019 Legislative Breakfasts

Mark your calendars for our 2019 Legislative Breakfasts. At 7:00 am, a complimentary breakfast will be served followed by an opportunity to talk with your representatives at the Indiana Statehouse.

The 2019 dates are:

~~January 28~~  
February 25  
March 25  
April 15

RSVP at (317) 745-4463 or email [janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com](mailto:janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com) by the Thursday prior to the event. You can RSVP for all breakfasts at once.

These breakfasts are sponsored by Hendricks Power, North Salem State Bank and Hendricks County Farm Bureau.

#### March 1 Application Deadline for Commitment to Community Scholarship

Guidelines and application can be found at [hendrickspower.com](http://hendrickspower.com) under Community Outreach.

#### March 1 & 3 Hendricks Symphony presents Immortal Beethoven

Concert begins at 7:30 pm on March 1 and 3:00 pm on March 3 at Avon Middle School North. Tickets are \$18/adults, \$15/seniors and \$7 students.



OPERATION ROUND UP

## Operation Round Up benefits Fillmore Elementary School

On behalf of Hendricks Power Cooperative and its members, a \$1,500 donation was to Fillmore Elementary School PTO. The donation will help purchase a new sound system for the school's gymnasium. The new sound system will improve sound quality at the many convocations and programs held at the school. In addition to school-related activities, the gymnasium is also used for several community events.

Pictured above: Phil Gick, Putnam County Community Foundation; Greg Ternet, Hendricks Power; Missy Nees, Fillmore Elementary PTO; Melissa Lantrip, Fillmore Elementary PTO; Dean Gambill, Putnam County Community Foundation; and Ken Eitel, Putnam County Community Foundation.

## A Critters Chance awarded \$500

In December, Hendricks Power offered members the opportunity to enroll in Operation Round Up and enter a drawing to win \$500 for the charitable organization of his/her choice. We received a great response from our members!

Member Kelly Thomas was drawn, and designated A Critter's Chance, Inc. as the benefiting organization. A Critter's Chance specializes in exotic/farm animal rescue. They will take any animal, with the exception of cats and dogs.

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## why IS MY WINTER ELECTRIC BILL HIGHER?



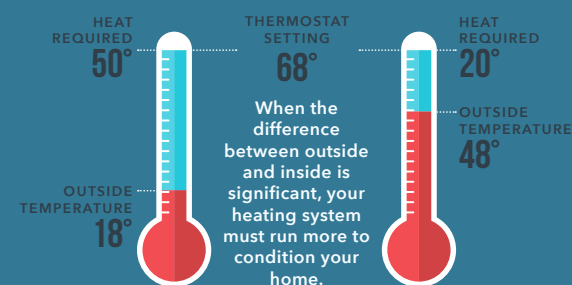
**a frigid fact:** You use more energy in cold weather.

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### HERE'S WHY:

In cold weather, your heating system works much harder to keep your home comfortable.

Even if you don't change your thermostat setting, it runs longer to heat your home.



Even gas heating systems use electricity to power the fan and distribute the warm air.

### ENERGY USE MATTERS

Your monthly bill is largely determined by the amount of energy you use.

#### ENERGY USED

The meter on your home measures the energy you consume.  
**This is your "usage."**



#### ELECTRIC RATE

There is a charge for each kilowatt hour you use.  
**This is your "rate."**

# House-to-house energy consumption varies

We often hear members say that a neighbor has the same house they do, but their own bill is much higher. That can certainly be the case, and there are a number of factors that make it happen.

**Heating and cooling equipment.** The age and type of one’s heating and cooling system can have a substantial impact on energy consumption. Electric heat pumps and geothermal heating and cooling systems use a great deal less energy than an electric furnace, baseboard heating and other types of systems. Even among geothermal systems and heat pumps, newer units use less energy than older models. Do you change your heating and cooling system’s filter regularly?

**Insulation.** The amount and type of insulation in a home can also have a significant impact on energy consumption, as can how carefully that insulation was installed. Higher R-values of insulation keep a lot more heated and cooled air in your home, reducing the amount of time your heating and cooling system runs. Cellulose insulation and certain foam insulations can also reduce energy consumption. And don’t forget insulation for your hot water pipes. Pipe wrap increases water heater efficiency, as can caulking and sealing around windows, doors and places where pipes enter your home.

**Number and ages of people in household.** The number of people living in a home impacts energy consumption. Showers, loads of laundry, loads of dishes and cooking all increase with added family members. Many people forget to consider visitors as well, not just the number of visitors you have in a month or year, but how frequently you have house guests. This can vary a

great deal from one family to the next. And the house where all of the teenage friends hang out is also likely to consume more energy than the neighbor’s house.

**Appliances.** The number, type and age of appliances in a home will impact energy consumption. That extra fridge or freezer in the garage can guzzle more energy than you might realize. The age of an electric water heater can also impact your energy consumption, as can your particular model of washer, dryer and oven. The number of electronics in a home, and how often you use them, can create a big difference in energy consumption.

**Lifestyle and personal preferences.** What setting do you use for your thermostat? Do you set the thermostat back when you’re away from home? What setting do you use for the water heater? Does your family prepare and eat meals at home or eat out more? When you prepare a meal, does it involve long baking time in the oven, or quick preparation in the microwave or on the stovetop? Do you use paper plates that you throw away, or dishes that you wash? Do you wash them by hand or rinse them before you put them in the dishwasher? Do you use LED bulbs? And how about low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators?

As you can see, the number of variables that affect energy consumption are many. And while two houses may appear to be identical, the way you use electricity can be quite different. And this is just a sample of variables that can be involved.

If you’d like more information about energy consumption, or if you have a concern you’d like to discuss, please contact us at (317) 745-5473.

# Water Heater/Load Management Rebate

Hendricks Power is now offering a \$100 rebate to members for the installation of a Load Management Switch on a qualifying 50-gallon (minimum) electric water heaters purchased at a retailer after Jan. 1, 2017.

Qualifying water heaters do not include: any unit that is not electric, any unit used for geothermal storage, any unit less than 50-gallon capacity, a tankless unit or any unit with an existing load management switch installed.

Members with the load management switch installed prior to Jan. 1, 2017 will remain under Hendricks Power’s previous water heater program until the existing water heater is replaced.

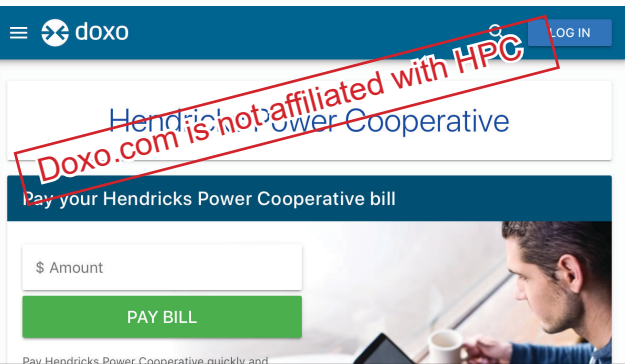
Visit [hendrickspower.com](http://hendrickspower.com) and click on Energy Advisor for a more information on this program, and our other available rebate and incentive programs.

# Member Warning: Doxo.com

There is an online bill pay website that appears to be affiliated with Hendricks Power, but it is not. Doxo.com is third-party website that allows people to pay their electric bills via their site. However, doxo.com may charge the member extra fees, and Hendricks Power cannot control when we will receive the member payments from doxo.com, possibly resulting in a late payment from the member or even disconnection due to non-payment.

To make sure you’re paying Hendricks Power directly, visit our website, [www.hendrickspower.com](http://www.hendrickspower.com), or our SmartHub online bill payment portal, [hendrickspower.smarthub.coop](http://hendrickspower.smarthub.coop).

As always, if you receive suspicious phone calls or emails from someone claiming to be a representative of Hendricks Power requesting payment, please call us at (317) 745-5473.



# A Critters Chance *continued*

Their mission is “to be a voice for the animals, to educate the public about animal responsibility, to ensure animals are treated humanely and given a chance, and to find adoptive homes for domestic animals.”

In 2017, the organization took in 208 exotic animals and 192 farm animals for a total of 400 lives saved! A Critter’s Chance depends on the kindness of animal lovers and their contributions to care for the animals and operational costs.

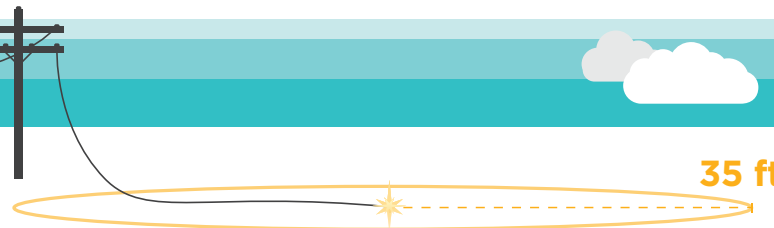
Visit [acritterschance.org](http://acritterschance.org) for contact information, to see adoptable animals and find other ways of helping, such as donating items, volunteering and fostering.

Thank you again to all of our members who signed up for Operation Round Up in December, and those that were already enrolled. This program has assisted many important organizations in our community and will continue to do so with your help!

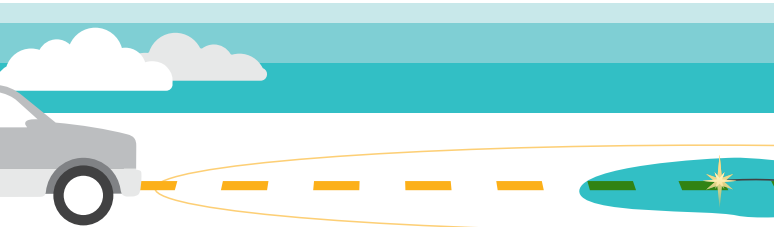


# Downed and Dangerous

If you see a downed power line, always assume it is energized and dangerous. Avoid going near it or anything in contact with the power line.



Downed power lines can energize the ground up to 35 ft. away – so keep your distance.



Never drive over a downed line or through water that is touching the line.



If you see a downed line, notify the local authorities immediately.



Never try to move a downed power line, even if you think the line is deenergized or if you’re using a non-conductive item – this will not prevent injury or death!

Source: ESFI.org

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